Long Fasting.

Mr. King, who died near Glenwood, Schuyler County, Mo., recently, lived forty-six days without eating anything except part of an ordinary pie, and without eating anything whatever for the last thirty-three days of his life.

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A Noisy Ball of Fire Comes Aboard. Captain Dickson of the British bark Endora reports an unusual electrical display during a storm in the South Pacific. The Eudora left Junin, Chile, on February, 29, and while beating down the coast toward Cape Horn the storm was seen approaching the vessel's stern, snapping and sizzling like a wall of fire, but traveling only at a moderate speed, the wind being light

at that time. When the storm struck the vessel it blew with the force of a hurricane, and for a time it looked as if the masts would be blown out. There was a great electrical display all over the rigging, and a great ball of fire floated near the mizzenmast and exploded with a report like that of a Krupp gun. The crew were dazed and nearly blinded, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The vessel labored heavily in the sea, and the wire rigging was ablaze with electricity. The storm soon cleared away, and the sea at once became as calm as before. - Philadelphia Record.

Merchants' Marks.

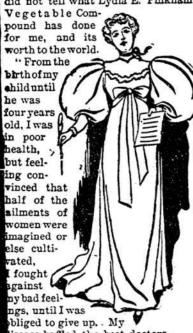
These marks appear to have been imitated from the Flemings during the reign of Edward III., and became very common during the fifteenth and early part of the sixteenth century, both on seals and signet rings; they offered a somewhat curious field for research, and are often very useful in identifying the persons by whom domestic and parts of ecclesiastical edifices on which they occur were built. They were more generally used in the great seaports of England than in the South, a fact which is readily accounted for by the frequent intercourse between those parts and Flanders. It may be observed also that such marks belong chiefly to wool factors or merchants of the staple. - Archaeological Magazine.

AN OPEN LETTER.

WHAT MRS. I. E. BRESSIE SAYS TO AMERICAN WOMEN.

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"I feel as if I was doing an injustice to my suffering sisters if I did not tell what Lydia E. Pinkham's



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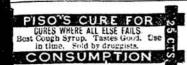
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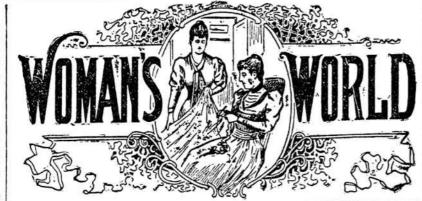
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PRESIDENT KRUGER'S WIFE.

I have seen "Tanta Sanna," the sobriquet of President Kruger's wife, on several occasions, and have noticed her one style. She always dresses in black, and the cut of her gown would certainly not be an advertisement to a West End dressmaker; comfort, not elegance, is her maxim. Plain though Mrs. Kruger is in the matter of dress, she has her little vanity. She positively refuses to see a visitor who may happen to call before she has "tidied the afternoon, and consists of putting on her best black gown, with trim-Mrs. Kruger is famous for her cof-

regaled when they go to the Presidential residence in Pretoria. Mrs. Kruger | neck. thinks she makes the best coffee of any good "huisvrouw" in Pretoria, and she boasts that she can make a tin of condensed milk go further than any one else. Mr. Kruger, while thinking her "Mann" the greatest statesman the world has ever seen, takes no sort of interest in politics. She, I believe, does not know what the franchise means, but anything her husband tells her in connection with political matters she unhesitatingly accepts. In conversation she always addresses her "Mann" as "Oom," and he in turn calls her "Tanta." They are a happy couple, although her husband's sleeplessness and devotion to the affairs of State in the midnight hours distress her considerably.-The Empire.

LITTLE MISS ASTOR.

That the Duchess of Buccleuch should have consented to become the guest of Mr. W. W. Astor, at Cliveden, and also at his town house in Carlton House Terrace, may be regarded as the greatest social victory that he has ever achieved. For Her Grace of Buccleuch has hitherto been the leader and the moving spirit of Mail and Express. what was known as the anti-American league. The latter consisted of a number of the grandest ladies of English society, who, with the object of resisting what they were pleased to describe as the American invasion, bound themselves never to permit an American or a Hebrew to cross their thresholds, or to attend any entertainmenet either given by Americans or where Americans were known to be among the invited guests.

No one, save Mr. Astor himself, can tell exactly how he managed to effect the conversion of the Duchess. Inasmuch as the rent roll of her husband exceeds \$4,000,000 per annum, the consideration can scarcely have been consideration can scarcely have been and dark blue, or gray striped with of a pecuniary character, such as has white, or white striped with black, been rumored in the case of the Count- make very useful summer gowns. esses of Cork and of Warwick, who are reported to have received phenom-enally large checks for their vapor-black cloth coats with vivid red ings in Mr. Astor's Pall Mall Maga

The honors at all these entertainments given by Mr. Astor are done by his fourteen-year-old daughter, who gives every promise of surpassing the rare beauty and charm of her lovely mother. Little Miss Astor takes the place of her dead mother at table with the utmost self-possession and dignity, and retires immediately afterward to her apartments, and presumably to bed. She was in New York the other day for the purpose of being confirmed at Trinity Church, but few persons knew of her presence here until the day of her departure .-New York Journal.

BOOM IN SHIRT WAISTS.

"The most prosperous trade of the moment after bicycles," says a manufacturer, "is that in ladies' shirt waists. The bicycle is the author of this prosperity, too, just as it is the deathblow to many industries,' which perhaps accounts for the continued popularity of these waists, though they have been adopted by everybody, and in consequence should, by laws of fashion, be frowned upon by the exclusive. The story is tola of how the Viennese milliners a few years ago saw their profits decrease through the popularity of a cheap straw hat, which, worn by a leader of painted material. fashion, was adopted by all of their customers. The situation was serious, for the hat required but little trim- over the surface, is a Parisian exming, and its cost was trifling, and a secret session of the milliners was called to take measures to relieve it. but the former is preferred, as form-A few days afterward all the workwomen in Vienna appeared in the cheap hats. The shrewd milliners had bought them up and distributed them gratuitously. The effect was speedy; the aristocrats doffed them at once, and the milliners were soon reaping their usual harvest.

The reign of the shirt waist is proof against any such intrigue as this. They are on sale from twenty five cents upward, and in consequence are, in some style, within the reach of entirely of dahlias-the double, oldevery woman. Yet their vogue is so pronounced in circles where vogue is made that a shirt-waist toilet is not but such as blend harmoniously todeemed inappropriate for even more gether, and the buds on their long than semi-formal occasions. There stems are used as aigrettes on one or are shirt waists and shirt waists, to be sure, and the one worn by the woman | | Evening bodices are no longer of fashion is a gem in its way. It is round. Imported models have points made by a tailor; its fit and finish are front and back and are trimmed with admirable; its cost may be from \$4 to a profusion of tulle around the low-\$10; it is fastened with gold or jeweled cut neck, with sleeve composed enstuds; it is held about the waist with tirely of the same diaphanous favorabelt whose buckle is a triumph of the ite. The prevailing style is not unsilversmith or goldsmith, and, though like a ballet dancer's skirt, being comit is still only a shirt waist, its perfection and elegance are evident and high priced. - New York Times.

THE WEDDING TROUSSEAU. skirt is made with three wide gores, and is gathered at the top all around. fullness only in the lower part, drawn ornamental character.

well to the center by two rows of shirring, and the fronts lap in surplice fashion at the bottom. The puffed sleeves are made up in full length. A novel completion for the puffs is given by roses, made of the white lace and satin, sewed to narrow bands joined to the lower edges of the puffs. The

neck is finished with a lace ruff. A fashionable traveling gown is made of etamine. The skirt has a front gore, agore at each side and a gathered back breadth. The basque waist has The tiding up takes place in a seamless back. A ripple peplum of fancy crepe lengthens the waist stylishly, its ends being wide apart, but concealed by a fancy belt. The sleeves only have one seam, and are finished fee, with which visitors are always in Eton cuifs. A collar made of wrinkled ribbon rosettes finishes the

A box coat is considered quite the popular traveling outside garment for brides. The latest tan cloth jackets of this type have quite a regal air, with their deep cuffs and Elizabethan col-

Figured organdie makes up an artistic morning or tea gown. It has a forget-me-not ground figured in blue and olive green. The quaint short waist has a shirred back and plaited fronts. Drooping over the sleeves and waist is a deep pointed Bertha. The high, round neck is followed by a shirring of lace, as is the waist. The skirt has three gores and is gathered quite full into the waist, The sleeves are leg o' mutton. The most exquisite underwear is made

of China and India silk. Chemises have Mexican open work yokes and are made long. Long and short pet-ticoats have many narrow ruffles and are much trimmed with ribbon insertion and lace.

Hosiery and gloves are in dark colors. Those which are generally popular are pansy and black, brown and ecru, violet and olive green and beige and oak leaf brown.-New York

FASHION NOTES.

The hat that is tilted right over the nose is the fashionable hat pro tem. The shirt waist with the detachable collar is a very useful garment for warm days.

Costumes of white mohair will be much worn during the summer, especially at sea-side resorts. Grass linen takes the lead among

thin materials this season, and at least one gown of this is a necessity for a fashionable outfit. Batistes are not all ecru in color,

The English coats of brilliant red

sleeves, revers and turndown collar. Blues are enjoying a renewed popularity as a garniture for hats, and in combination with green they make a

distinctly French color combination, A thin outside skirt of organdie, with an insignificant ruffle or two, is nothing when compared with the much betrimmed silk affair over which it is

Some of the batiste skirts are plain, others have a ruche or narrow ruffles of the same around the bottom, and these are often edged with narrow quillings of satin ribbons or lace.

to be worn.

Some of the new Marlborough jackets, of dark blue or green cloth, are finished with very large gilt and rhinestone buttons, or those of jeweled rolled gold or cut steel with colored

enamel centers. The favorite sleeve of the season combines a short puff with mousque-taire fullness of the wrist. Although the severe coat sleeve is predicted for early fall, it has so far been seen only in conjunction with a few plain tailor gowns.

Crepe de China is also much in demand and is seen more often than any other one fabric. Its comparative cheapness brings it within reach of greater number of admirers than are able to indulge in the more costly

Black mousseline de soie, with a design in flowers painted at intervals travagance of the hour. Either black or colored glace silk makes the lining, ing a more perfect background.

White tulle tied in a large bow in front is one of the popular decorations for the neck, and among the new collar bands arranged to wear with different dresses is one of white satin ribbon with a scalloped frill of ecru embroidery ruched on the edge with very narrow colored satin ribbon.

A novelty for bonnets which is seasonable consists of building them fashioned variety. A number of dif-ferent colored blossoms are chosen, both sides, to relieve the flatness.

posed of frill on frill, falling over the shoulder point.

Belts of satin finished elastic in varying widths, sometimes quite an eighth of a yard wide, are taking the A beautiful wedding gown, quite place of silk webbing belts, the elaborate in effect, is of cream pean buckles used with them being of gold de soie, cream satin and lace. The and silver in scroll, link and other designs. There are also fancy metal belts like armor, which are in gilt and It has a graceful train, moderately silver, with fancy buckles. They are long. The basque waist is made with | built on elastic and may be worn with a smooth fitting lining. The back has comfort, besides being of a highly

CYCLING COSTUME,

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all, and it looks comfortable and busi- fancy cloth, is shaped with single ness-like. We here present one of its seams, and can be gathered or plaited simplest modes, made of greenish drab at the top. A single box plait is laid covert cloth, closed with round white at the shoulder, forward and backward pearl buttons, and finished with ma- turning side plaits adjusting the rechine stitching in tailor style. The mainder of the fullness. No. 2 is of basque is shaped with single bust darts, mixed cheviot and is shaped with two under arm gores, and a curving centre seams, having a smooth under-arm seam in back. The plaits are gradus- portion. When linings are used they ted at the waist line, and applied on are shaped exactly like the sleeves, back and front with a single row of thus giving the necessary room for

develop waists in this style, any fash ionable garniture being chosen for

The quantity of material 36 inches wide required to make this waist for a lady of medium size is four yards.

LADIES' AND MISSES' COAT SLEEVES.

The demand for smaller sleeves is steadily increasing, ladies not being loth to disencumber their arms from THE Norfolk basque is a favorite garment for cycling, shopping and general wear, as its trim outlines are becoming to given as one pattern. No. 1, made of



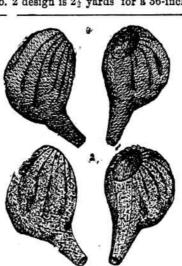
NORFOLK JACKET AND SKIRT FOR WHEEL-WOMEN.

machine stitching near the edges, or the dress sleeves. The wrists are they can be blind stitched on if so plainly completed with inside facings. preferred. The fronts are reversed at These sleeves can be made of silk, velthe top to form coat lapels that meet | vet or cloth, to contrast or match with the rolling collar in notches, a chemi- the garment in which they are placed. sette with bow tie being worn at the In remodeling top garments this patneck. The sleeves, in gigot style, are | tern will be found useful and economshaped with two seams, and are of fashionable size, the wrists being finished with stitching to simulate cuffs, that are decorated near the back seam with three buttons. A narrow leather belt encircles the waist. The graceful skirt is specially designed for wheelwomen, its distinguishing features being an underlying box plait laid in the centre of front gore, the edges of which meet and are flatly pressed, so as to be hardly noticeable when standing and when mounted give ample room for the free action of the limbs, and prevent the ugly girded appearance so often seen. Two backward turning plaits at the back conceal the saddle gore in the centre that keeps the skirt in proper position. Placket openings on each side of front gore are finished by pointed overlaps and decorated with buttons. Suits in this style can be made from all kinds of cloth, tweed, cheviot, serge, or cycle cloth, and worn with knickers and legging to

match. The quantity of material required to make this basque for a lady having a 36-inch bust measure is three yards. To make the skirt it will require 41 yards of the same width material.

ORGANDIE WAIST WITH APPLIED BASQUE. May Manton says this very stylish waist, depicted in the second large engraving, is made from white organdie, over violet silk linings, and is decorated with lace, insertion and ribbon of more importance than ever before. to match the color of linings. The close in centre front. A narrow vest lining, which supplies the dash of color tremmed crosswise with insertion is now needed in everything but mournsewed to the right front and closes over on the left. Wide box plaits that taper towards the waist are formed on Fashionable puffs reach to the clbow The skirts of these gowns are invari-

The quantity of material 44 inches wide required to make either No. 1 or No. 2 design is 21 yards for a 36-inch



STYLES IN COAT SLEEVES.

To make these sleeves for a miss fourteen years of age it will require 12 yards of the same width material.

SILE LININGS.

Transparent fabrics are a pronounced feature of this summer's styles, and, in consequence, the silk skirt lining is Very much of the style and beauty of waist linings are glove fitting and a gown is given it by the choice of its

Plain and dark silks are seldom chosen for these linings, but instead the edge of each front meeting those charming combinations of color in on the back at the shoulder seams. A stripes, chine, and changeable effects, blouse effect is given in front by gath- which are really handsome enough for ers at the lower edge of vest and box gowns themselves. However, for cerplaits. The ripple basque is joined to tain occasions-afternoon drives at the lower edge of waist, box plaits summer resorts, garden-parties, day meeting those of the waist at the back. | receptions, etc. - gowns of grenadine, A narrow belt with buckle encircles striped and plain canvas, semi-transthe waist. The crush collar of violet parent crepes, goat's hair and etamine, silk has large fans of lace on each side. are smarter than those of fancy silk.



ORGANDIE WAIST WITH APPLIED BASQUE.

fortable sleeve linings that can be cut | tion of lace between the seams -or a elbow length or faced to the wrists, if frill of narrow lace down themso desired. The epaulettes are made through which, of course, the lining from lace mitered at the edges to form glints effectively. The sleeves, and three points over the full puffs. The usually the back of the corsage, are mode is very generally becoming and like the skirt, but oftener than not the the ripple basque or epaulettes, or front is of plaited chiffon veiled with both can be omitted if not desired. All embroidered lace, or of beautifully emkinds of silk, linen, cotton, or light broidered batiste.-Demorest's Magweight woolen fabrics are adapted to azine.

and are stylishly arranged over com- ably plain, or at most have an inser

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Share the Same Nest.

W. C. Adams relates an interesting circumstance touching the domestication of the quail. Up at Milo, in the Tule River mountains, Postmaster Richardson has a barn in which a mother quail has for two seasons built her nest. This nest is shared by a domestic hen, with apparently no objection from the quail. The hen's eggs are removed from the nest by Mr. Richardson's boys, but the quail's eggs are allowed to remain. Last year the quail successfully raised a family of birds in this nest. She is back again, and has deposited several eggs for this season's crop. The boys say that after the young birds appear the mother bird will flutter off the nest a short distance when the nest is approached, and allow them to catch her in their hands. The quail has learned that no harm will be done to her or her little ones.-Visalia (Cal.) Times. The Biggest Water Pipe

The big water tube which is to conduct the power for the new paper mill at Quinnesee Falls is a wonderful thing in its way. It is sixteen feet in diameter and will conduct an eighty-foot head of water to play against the horiof steel flanges half an inch thick, and lies at an angle of forty-five degrees. The water will pass through it at the rate of two feet a second, and every inch of the tube is calculated to stand 60,000 pounds pressure. Its cost is \$16,000. The power it can develop will be but little short of the energy wasted in Niagara Falls. - Milwaukee Wisconsin.

London's Population.

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